

CARALE SHIELDS,
Petitioner,
v.
SHERIFF FLOYD BONNER, JR.,
Respondent.

The Petitioner, Carale Shields, inmate number 521998, who is incarcerated at the Shelby County Correctional Center in Memphis, Tennessee, has filed a pro se Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a Writ of Habeas Corpus by the Person in State Custody (the “Petition”). (Docket Entry (“D.E.”) 1.) Petitioner has paid the habeas filing fee. (D.E. 5.) The Petition is before the Court on preliminary review. *See* Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts (“Habeas Rules”).¹ In inmate challenges his Tennessee convictions from 1997 for five counts of sale of a controlled substance in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-417(A)(3).

¹The proper Respondent to this action is Petitioner's custodian Anthony Alexander, Director of the Shelby County Correctional Center. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d); *see also Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, 542 U.S. 426, 435 (2004). The Clerk is DIRECTED to record the Respondent as Director Alexander and to terminate Sheriff Bonner as a party to this action.

of the Petition. The filing shall include the relevant portions of the state court record, organized and appropriately indexed, as required by Administrative Order 16-31.²

Pursuant to Rule 5(e), Shields may, if he chooses, submit a reply to Respondent's answer or response within twenty-eight days of service. Petitioner may request an extension of time to reply if his motion is filed on or before the due date of the reply. The Court will address the merits of the Petition, or of any motion filed by Respondent, after the expiration of Shields's time to reply, as extended.

It is ORDERED that the Clerk shall send a copy of the Petition and this order to the Respondent and the Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter by certified mail. *See* Habeas Rule 4.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk shall mail the parties the form for Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge (AO 85).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of July 2025.

s/ J. DANIEL BREEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

²The party filing a document has the burden of ensuring the proper protection of sensitive information and taking measures to seal such information where appropriate. *See* Electronic Case Filing Attorney User Manual for the United States District Court, Western District of Tennessee, Section I.A.13; *see also* Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures Manual for the United States District Court Western District of Tennessee, Section 8 Sealed Documents, <https://www.tnwd.uscourts.gov/sites/tnwd/files/LocalRules.pdf> (last accessed July 7, 2025).